



## City of Hamilton

# DOWNTOWN SUB-COMMITTEE REVISED

**Meeting #:** 26-002  
**Date:** April 9, 2026  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers  
Hamilton City Hall  
71 Main Street West

Carrie McIntosh, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext.2729

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## Hamilton

### **DOWNTOWN SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES DSCC 26-001**

9:00 a.m.

March 2, 2026

Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall (Hybrid)  
71 Main Street West

**Present:** Councillor C. Kroetsch (Chair)  
Councillor M. Wilson (Virtual)  
S. Braithwaite (Vice-Chair), International Village BIA  
R. Moran, Small Business Representative  
G. Panessa, Small Business Representative (Virtual)  
E. Wakeford, Citizen Member  
E. Walsh, Downtown BIA  
A. Zerafa, Small Business Representative (Virtual)

**Absent**

**With Regrets:** H. Caplette, Citizen Member  
M. Edmonds, Small Business Representative  
K. Roe, Citizen Member

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kroetsch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**2. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

There were no ceremonial activities.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**(Braithwaite/Wakeford)**

That the agenda for the March 2, 2026, Downtown Sub-Committee, be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

**Please refer to the March 25, 2026, General Issues Committee minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**5.1 November 26, 2025**

**(Walsh/Braithwaite)**

That the Minutes of the November 26, 2025, meeting of the Downtown Sub-Committee be adopted, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. DELEGATIONS**

**6.1 Allison Hansen, Rodenticide Free Ontario, respecting PW26009, Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park (Ward 2) (Item 7.1) (Ward 2) (Virtually)**

As the delegate was not present when called upon, and there being no objection from Committee members, the Item was deferred following Item 8.2.

**7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION**

**7.1 PW26009  
Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park**

**(i) (Walsh/Wakeford)**

That Report PW26009, dated March 2, 2026, respecting Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park, be received.

**(ii) (M. Wilson/Kroetsch)**

(a) That the consideration of Report PW26009, dated March 2, 2026, respecting Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park, be DEFERRED to the June 11, 2026 meeting of the Downtown Sub-Committee in order for staff to report back on the following:

- (i) Reducing the use of rodenticides;
- (ii) Increasing signage, including signage that is specific to feeding wildlife; and
- (iii) Education campaign paired with initial by-law enforcement.

**CARRIED**

**7.1(a) Correspondence from Sara Swadchuck, Bird Friendly Hamilton, respecting Report PW26009, Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park (Item 7.1)**

**(Walsh/Wakeford)**

**Please refer to the March 25, 2026 General Issues Committee minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

That the Correspondence from Sara Swadchuck, Bird Friendly Hamilton, respecting Report PW26009, Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park (Item 7.1), be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.2 PW26034  
Pedestrian Safety at the Intersection of King Street East and Walnut Street (Outstanding Business List)**

**(i) (Braithwaite/Walsh)**

That Report PW26034, dated March 2, 2026, respecting Pedestrian Safety at the Intersection of King Street East and Walnut Street (Outstanding Business List), be received.

**(ii) (Walsh/Braithwaite)**

That the consideration of Report PW26034, dated March 2, 2026, respecting Pedestrian Safety at the Intersection of King Street East and Walnut Street (Outstanding Business List), be DEFERRED to the June 11, 2026 Downtown Sub-Committee meeting in order for staff to report back with additional information related to the timing of work at the intersection.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 PED26018  
Ensuring Pedestrian Access at Jackson Street West and MacNab Street South (Ward 2)**

**(Walsh/Wakeford)**

That Report PED26018, dated March 2, 2026, respecting Ensuring Pedestrian Access at Jackson Street West and MacNab Street South (Ward 2), be received.

**CARRIED**

**8. ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

**8.1 Amendments to the Outstanding Business List:**

**(Braithwaite/Moran)**

That the following Amendments to the Outstanding Business List, be approved:

**(a) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed:**

(i) Waste Receptacles in the Downtown Core (Item 8.1(a))  
Added: July 24, 2205  
Addressed: September 16, 2025 (Item 7.2)

(ii) Monitoring and Maintenance of Ferguson Station (Item 8.1b(a))

**Please refer to the March 25, 2026 General Issues Committee minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

Added: July 24, 2025  
Completed: November 26, 2025 (Item 7.1)

- (iii) Functionality and Monitoring of Security Cameras (Item 8.1(c))  
Added: July 24, 2025  
Completed: September 16, 2025 (Item 7.4)
- (iv) Street Lighting, Banner Arms, and Pole Bases (Item 8.1(d))  
Added: July 24, 2025  
Completed: September 16, 2025 (Item 7.3)
- (v) Flyers and Posters on City Infrastructure (Item 8.1(e))  
Added: July 24, 2025  
Completed: September 16, 2025 (Item 8.1)

**CARRIED**

**8.2 PED25226(a)  
Noise Control By-Law and Street Performance (City Wide)**

**(i) (Wakeford/Walsh)**

That Report PED25226(a), dated March 2, 2026, respecting Noise Control By-Law and Street Performance (City Wide), be received and the following recommendation, be approved:

- (a) That staff in Licensing and By-law Services BE DIRECTED to report back to the Downtown Sub-Committee in Q1 2027 with aggregate data on all noise complaints received since implementation of increased levels of service for enforcement of the City of Hamilton Noise By-law No. 11-285 on April 1, 2025.

**(ii) (M. Wilson/Wakeford)**

That the consideration of Report PED25226(a), dated March 2, 2026, respecting Noise Control By-Law and Street Performance (City Wide), be DEFERRED to the June 11, 2026 Downtown Sub-Committee meeting in order for staff to provide the following data and information related to:

- (i) complaints called in when an officer is not available;
- (ii) the threshold of something being "likely to disturb"; and
- (iii) Jackson Square and other hot spots.

**CARRIED**

**Please refer to the March 25, 2026 General Issues Committee minutes for the disposition of these matters.**

**6. DELEGATIONS (continued)**

**6.1 Allison Hansen, Rodenticide Free Ontario, respecting Report PW26009, Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park (Ward 2) (Item 7.1) (Ward 2) (Virtually)**

Allison Hansen, Rodenticide Free Ontario, addressed Committee respecting report PW26009, Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park (Ward 2) (Item 7.1) (Ward 2).

**(Walsh/Wakeford)**

That the delegation from Allison Hansen, Rodenticide Free Ontario, respecting Report PW26009, Urban Pest Control Information for Gore Park (Ward 2) (Item 7.1) (Ward 2), be received.

**CARRIED**

**9. MOTIONS**

Councillor Kroetsch relinquished the Chair to S. Braithwaite in order to introduce the following motion:

**9.1 Jarvis Memorial Clock Tower - REVISED**

**(Kroetsch/Braithwaite)**

WHEREAS, a clock tower is currently located in Municipal Parking Lot 8 at 297 King Street East, and is not operational;

WHEREAS, the Jarvis Memorial Clock Tower was built in Cincinnati for \$150,000 and donated to Hamilton on September 14th, 1989, during a grand ceremony;

WHEREAS, the clock tower was made possible through funding from the City of Hamilton Downtown Action Plan, a five-phase revitalization project. Each quarter of the hour the clock tower would ring the Westminster Chime as a reminder to those that lost their lives in the War of 1812, Fenian Raids, Boer War, the Great War, World War 2, Korean War and U.N. Peacekeeping forces;

WHEREAS, the memorial clock is still listed as a registered monument on the Government of Canada website;

WHEREAS, the clock has no assigned asset owner within the City, and a previous assessment by Tourism and Culture staff determined that a full rebuild is required to restore its functionality;

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project may impact the clock, and once impacts are confirmed, the LRT Project will be responsible for

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removing, storing, and reinstalling the clock at a new location identified by the City; and

WHEREAS, the BIA would like to keep the clock tower within the boundaries of International Village

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to report back at the June 11, 2026 Downtown Sub-Committee meeting on the assignment of asset ownership for the clock to the appropriate City service area, and to identify the required ongoing maintenance budget for its preservation for consideration in future budgets;
- (b) That staff be directed to report back June 11, 2026 Downtown Sub-Committee on the scope of work and funding required to restore the clock to operational condition, including the proposed source of funding and the timing of repairs, taking into consideration the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project construction schedule;
- (c) That staff be directed to evaluate the historical significance and preservation value of the clock and report back on whether the clock should be preserved, and re-installed or re-homed; and
- (d) That staff be directed to report back June 11, 2026 Downtown Sub-Committee with options for a new location for the clock should relocation be required as a result of the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project.

**CARRIED**

Councillor Kroetsch assumed the Chair.

## **9.2 International Village Pride Performances**

### **(Braithwaite/Kroetsch)**

WHEREAS, the International Village BIA will be scheduling performances for Pride 2026;

WHEREAS, a significant investment of time and coordination will be put into their Village Pride events, which will be held at Ferguson Station;

WHEREAS, the International Village BIA would like to move their events to the rear of Ferguson Station;

WHEREAS, the garden beds at the rear of Ferguson Station need to be remediated due to presence of feces and urine, including strong odours;

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WHEREAS, the BIA would like to see the dirt replaced in the rear garden beds at Ferguson Station and solutions such as new mulching and flowers/plants explored in time for the June 7, 2026 Pride event; and

WHEREAS, there have been challenges in the past with ensuring Ferguson Station is clean and accessible for events.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That City staff report back to the Downtown Sub-Committee through an Information Report at its April 9, 2026 meeting with:
  - (i) an update on what the City will do to ensure the success of the 2026 International Village Pride Performances including information about a cleaning and graffiti removal program and the potential for security and other City to be present or on call during the events; and
  - (ii) details about plans to remediate the garden beds to remove the presence and odour of feces and urine.

**CARRIED**

### **9.3 Main Street Two Way Conversion**

**(Braithwaite/Kroetsch)**

WHEREAS, construction on the conversion of Main Street from one way to two ways will begin in 2026;

WHEREAS, this construction will have a significant impact on the downtown core; and

WHEREAS, residents and business owners have been asking if there's more information about the timing, design, and what to expect with respect to impacts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That City staff report back to the Downtown Sub-Committee through an Information Report at its June 11, 2026 meeting with an update on Main Street two way conversion including information about scheduling, including the timing of completion; overall design; and impacts to downtown residents and businesses.

**CARRIED**

### **9.4 Fountain at Wellington Park – REVISED**

**(Braithwaite/Kroetsch)**

WHEREAS, the fountain at Wellington Park has not been working since the

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summer of 2023;

WHEREAS, the fountain is an important and central feature of the park; and

WHEREAS, fountains help to reduce the impacts of climate change by providing cooling, especially in conjunction with a more mature tree canopy, which this park has.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That City staff be directed to report back to the Downtown Sub-Committee at its June 11, 2026 meeting about the timing, costs, and other considerations to have the fountain at Wellington Park working for the 2026 summer season.

**CARRIED**

**10. NOTICE OF MOTIONS**

There were no Notice of Motions.

**11. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no General Information / Other Business.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, the Downtown Sub-Committee adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Carrie McIntosh  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office the City Clerk

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Councillor Cameron Kroetsch  
Chair, Downtown Sub-Committee



## City of Hamilton Memorandum

**To:** Chair and Members of  
the Downtown Sub-Committee

**Date:** April 9, 2026

**Report No:** PW26049

**Subject/Title:** 2026 International Village Pride Event Support

**Ward(s) Affected:** Ward 2

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### Information

At its March 2, 2026, meeting, the Downtown Sub-Committee passed a Motion (Item 9.2) directing staff to report back on two key items:

1. An update on what the City will do to ensure the success of the 2026 International Village Pride Performances including information about a cleaning and graffiti removal program and the potential for security and other City staff to be present or on call during the events.
2. Details about plans to remediate the garden beds to remove the presence and odour of feces and urine.

This memo provides a summary of services, service levels and next steps related to the Downtown Sub-Committee direction.

### Graffiti

The City of Hamilton operates a proactive and reactive graffiti management program supported by year-round inspections and community reporting. While inspections occur throughout the year, graffiti removal is completed during the warmer months to ensure effective cleaning. This work is already underway and will continue as part of the City's routine program.

Specific services for June 9, 2026, International Village Pride event will include targeted inspections and coordinated graffiti removal completed in advance of the event.

## Cleanliness

The City of Hamilton maintains a consistent cleanliness standard across the downtown and its Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), including street sweeping twice per week, sidewalk litter cleaning and sweeping seven days per week, and daily collection of public-space litter containers.

Specific services for June 9, 2026, International Village Pride event will build on the City's regular service levels. These services will continue as usual, with cleanliness activities throughout the International Village BIA and at City-owned properties, such as Ferguson Station, completed both before and after the event. As part of event preparation, Ferguson Station will be power washed to ensure a welcoming environment for attendees.

City staff will be available to assist with any cleanliness concerns that may arise before and during the event. However, given the event schedule and the established service levels, overtime may be required to respond to requests outside standard operating hours of 7:00a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

## Security

The City's Corporate Safety and Security team will continue its current service level of providing proactive mobile patrols throughout the downtown, 24 hours per day. Patrol frequency may vary depending on factors such as road closures, but Ferguson Station receives one scheduled patrol every four hours.

The City does not provide dedicated event security services. If the International Village BIA requires security for the Pride event, they will need to hire a licensed provider directly. City staff also recommend that the BIA prepare a comprehensive event safety plan, including clear emergency communication procedures and key contact information for effective coordination.

## Ferguson Station Garden Bed Rehabilitation

In preparation for the International Village Pride event and in response to the presence and odour of feces and urine in the garden beds, Forestry and Horticulture will clean the garden beds and apply additional mulch. Staff will also investigate the use of a soil-treatment compound designed to neutralize odours in the garden beds, and should it be deemed feasible, this compound will be applied prior to event. As an optional enhancement, and contingent on full cost recovery, the City can create and install four temporary floral planters at Ferguson Station for the duration of the event.

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OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

City staff across all relevant divisions will continue coordinating efforts to support the International Village Pride event through established service levels, targeted pre-event preparation, and responsive operations. These actions demonstrate the City's commitment to maintaining a clean, safe, and welcoming environment downtown and at Ferguson Station, while addressing concerns raised by the Downtown Sub-Committee. Staff will remain available to respond to issues as they arise and will continue working with the International Village BIA to help ensure the success of the 2026 International Village Pride Performances.

## Consultation

Roadway Maintenance, Public Works  
 Parks, Public Works  
 Forestry and Horticulture, Public Works  
 Corporate Safety and Security, Public Works

## Appendices and Schedules Attached

NA

**Prepared by:** Joel McCormick, Manager, Waste Collections  
 Public Works

**Submitted and recommended by:** Angela Storey, Director, Waste Management  
 Public Works

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 Public Works

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 Management, Public Works

Vince Sferrazza, Director, Transportation  
 Public Works



# Hamilton Night Guides Pilot Project

## Overview

Tourism Hamilton is launching a street-based visitor outreach pilot during JUNO Week to provide a friendly presence downtown, support a safer night-time environment, and help visitors enjoy the city and the JUNOS.



## Who They Are

The Hamilton Night Guides are trained, paid staff from local non-profit **Good Shepherd**. They have experience in community outreach, mental health, addictions, conflict resolution, and first aid.

## What They Do

Night Guides help locals and visitors have a safe and enjoyable night out. They carry maps, water, snacks, phone chargers, naloxone, and first aid supplies. They can give directions, answer questions, make nightlife recommendations, and help people get home safely while promoting respectful night-time behaviour.

## How They Can Support Your Establishment

Night Guides can assist with:

- Promoting consent culture
- Supporting intoxicated or vulnerable individuals
- De-escalating situations through early intervention

*Note: They supplement—but do not replace—emergency services.*

## When They're Available

A team of six Night Guides will patrol **9 PM to 4 AM, Thursday, March 26 to Sunday, March 29** during JUNO Week.

## Where They'll Be

Starting from the **Lister Block (28 James St N)**, Night Guides will walk the **downtown core** focusing on JUNO venues, nightlife areas, transit hubs, and late-night spots—including James St N, Augusta, King St, and Hess Village.

### How to Spot or Contact Them

Night Guides will be wearing bright, branded uniforms: **blue safety vests, purple hoodies, neon pink and green toques.** A direct phone number will be provided for establishments needing assistance.



### For More Information:

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Tourism & Culture Division

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# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Downtown Sub-Committee: April 9, 2026

**MOVED BY E. WALSH.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....**

### **Downtown Washroom – Community Impact Considerations**

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2026, a Notice of Motion was presented to the Public Works Committee respecting the potential installation of a new permanent public washroom facility at John Rebecca Park, located at 76 John Street North, Hamilton;

WHEREAS, a feasibility study for the proposed washroom at John Rebecca Park is currently underway, with findings expected in Q3 2026;

WHEREAS, the Downtown Sub-Committee has an ongoing mandate to identify issues related to the perception of cleanliness and security in the downtown core and recommend appropriate strategies; and

WHEREAS, the proposed location for the public washroom facility is within John Rebecca Park, adjacent to neighbouring properties that may be affected by its installation and operation.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Staff report back to the Downtown Sub-Committee in early Q3 2026, prior to the commencement of design of the proposed permanent public washroom facility at John Rebecca Park, located at 76 John Street North, Hamilton, respecting
  - (i) A review of best practices from other municipalities regarding the design, operation, and management of public washroom facilities in urban areas;
  - (ii) An assessment of existing conditions and community context in and around John Rebecca Park;
  - (iii) An analysis of the potential impacts of the facility's installation and operation on neighbouring properties and John Rebecca Park; and

- (iv) Potential strategies and mitigation measures the City could implement to minimize negative impacts to the surrounding area.

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# CITY OF HAMILTON

## MOTION

Downtown Sub-Committee: April 9, 2026

**MOVED BY S. BRAITHWAITE.....**

**SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR C. KROETSCH.....**

### **Ferguson Station Power Washing and Cleanliness**

WHEREAS, the International Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) and City of Hamilton have scheduled events for 2026;

WHEREAS, a significant investment of time and coordination will be required for the events, which will be held at Ferguson Station;

WHEREAS, the smell of urine is prominent, especially during warmer months and negatively affects the use of Ferguson Station for both events and general enjoyment from the community; and

WHEREAS, Ferguson Station requires weekly power washing.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Staff report back to the Downtown Sub-Committee at its June 11, 2026, meeting respecting:
  - (i) An update on the possibility of weekly power washing at Ferguson Station; and
  - (ii) Additional measures that will be put into place to ensure the cleanliness of Ferguson Station for public events in the future.